

REMARKS

This communication is being filed in response to a Restriction Requirement dated May 17, 2005. In the Restriction Requirement, the Examiner stated that the application contains claims directed to patentably distinct species of the claimed invention. In particular, the Examiner stated the species were best illustrated by the specification starting at the bottom of page 3 (species I); the specification starting on line 6 of page 4 (species II); and the specification starting on line 21 of page 4 (species III). Accordingly, the Examiner required the applicant to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable and to identify the claims drawn to the elected species. Moreover, the Examiner stated that no claim was deemed to be generic.

The applicants hereby elect species I. The claims drawn to elected species I are claims 1-5, 24-25, and 34-37.

The applicants respectfully disagree with the Examiner's position that no claims are generic. At least independent claims 1 and 24 are generic.

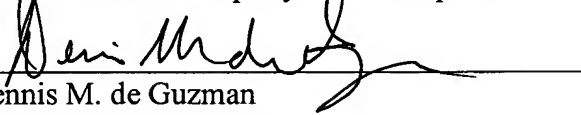
New dependent claim 38 is added. Support for this claim can be found on page 3, line 26 through page 4, line 5; page 12, lines 4-22; Figures 4-5; and elsewhere in the application. With this communication claims 1-38 remain pending in the application.

The appropriate fee for new claim 38 is included with this communication. The applicants have also included the certified copy of the priority document.

Consideration and allowance of all pending claims is now requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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